

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
50 SOUTH 600 EAST, SUITE 150, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102 & VIA ZOOM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 @ 12 - 2:15PM**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Council Member Mike Mendenhall, President, Spanish Fork
Mayor Mike Caldwell, 1st Vice President, Ogden City
Mayor Dawn Ramsey, 2nd Vice President, South Jordan
Mayor Jon Pike, Past President, St. George

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

City Manager, City Managers Association, Gary Hill, Bountiful
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Mayor John Christensen, Mayfield Town
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Mayor Jim Talbot, Farmington
Council Member, Dustin White, Roosevelt
Mayor, Maile Wilson Edwards, Cedar City
Mayor Jeff Young, Richmond City
Council Member Marcia White, Ogden City

ULCT STAFF

Cameron Diehl, Executive Director
Abby Bolic, Operations and Membership Coordinator
Wayne Bradshaw, Director of Policy
Karson Eilers, Legislative Research Analyst
Nick Jarvis, Chief Operating Officer
David Church, General Counsel
Meg Ryan, Land Use Academy of Utah
Roger Tew, Senior Policy Analyst
Susan Wood, Director of Communications and Training
John Hiskey, Senior Policy Advisor

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Mayor, Len Arave, North Salt Lake
UMCA President, S. Annette Spendlove, North Ogden

VISITORS

John Park, CEO, John Park Consulting Services

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Mendenhall, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He stated that he appreciates all those in attendance for their service to the Utah League and their City's and Town's. He congratulated Mayor Maile Wilson Edwards on the birth of her child

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Mendenhall, called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 and October 7, 2019 Board meetings.

Board Member Jewel Allen motioned to approve the September 12, 2019 and October 7, 2019 meeting minutes. Board Member Mayor Caldwell seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

Motion passed

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Nick Jarvis passed out a form for all to sign if they had a conflict of interest on any item on the agenda.

4. ULCT BOARD & COMMISSION REPORTS & APPOINTMENTS

Abby Bolic gave an update and stated there were no Commission Reports and asked for the board endorsement of Amy Fowler, Council Member Salt Lake City and Mayor Mark Shepherd, Clearfield, to the National League of City's Board.

Board Member Andy Beerman motioned to approve the endorsement of SLC Council Member Fowler and Clearfield Mayor Shepherd for the National League of Cities Board Gary Hill seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

Motion passed

5. ADVOCACY, ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH UPDATE

- **Towing Bill**

Director Diehl stated that Representative Maloy met with ULCT and Ogden City Attorney Gary Williams to work on legislation about minimum standards for towing signage. The draft bill reflects their discussion and Representative Maloy has requested ULCT's support. The draft bill sets minimum standard and still allows that cities could enact more specific towing requirements so long as the ordinance did not conflict with state code. In addition to the signage provisions, the bill authorizes towers to patrol private property and initiate a tow which would preempt some local ordinance. He asked how the Board feels about the draft bill.

Board Member Mayor Kaufusi stated that her Council is feeling good about the draft bill and asked how everyone feels about it. Director Diehl stated that a lot of time has been spent on towing and he is comfortable with the language we have right now and that it is mostly about signage.

Board Member Gary Hill motioned to approve the draft towing legislation bill as presented and to support Representative Maloy on this. Board Member Mayor Kaufusi seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

Motion passed

- **Tax Task Force Update**

Senior Policy Advisor Tew presented this item and gave a brief summary and background of the tax reform that is being presented. The Legislature didn't present this bill last year instead formed a tax reform committee. He stated that both the Utah Senate and the House want a tax cut. This summer has been spent with a statewide listening tour which include 8 separate hearings and to date six additional task force work meeting. Throughout this process the ULCT has had a consistent message that some of the proposal could have a ripple effect on city revenues. Our message was heard loud and clear. At the task form meeting on November 7th, an actual bill emerged and it was presented by Senator Hillyard and Representative Gibson as a discussion draft. There are a few items that should be highlighted:

- Sales tax base associated with our local rates would see limited expansion
- Some new services and other activities would be subject to taxation
- New revenue is modest

- Food fully taxable at the state level (will remain excluded from the local sales tax rates for transportation, resort communities, and RAP/ZAP)
- New tax on fuel (except diesel)
- Diesel would be subject to a new state .10/gallon fuel tax

The income tax earmarking issue that was the initial premise for this study is not part of this bill. Options, including a constitutional amendment, will be discussed at next task force meeting now set for November 25th.

Given where we started last year, the direction of this proposal should be considered as a very positive development. Our goal was never new revenue, it was to avoid being harmed. There are still some unanswered questions about state and local transportation funding, the constitutional earmark on income tax and food in the sales tax base for the local option sales taxes. Sources tell us that the legislature still intends to meet in special session in early December.

Board Member Niehaus replied that as a group we need to talk about education as it is a concern for small communities. It's bigger than "the kids" for rural Utah, it's economic development. Discussion ensued with the following comments:

- Wait to see what education wants
- Is it premature for us to take a position
- Wait and study more
- Concern about staying in our lane to wait and see what they do, then take a stand
- I couldn't explain it to my community right now so would like to wait
- We shouldn't step on the School Districts
- Do we feel our schools are properly funded
- They could turn their backs on us if we wait
- All education groups are out there fighting the fight right now

Director Diehl stated that the consensus is that we aren't going to take a position right now.

- **Discussion of ULCT Legislative Priorities for 2020 Session**

Director Diehl stated that in the spring of 2017, ULCT surveyed members to better understand what their priorities for organization were. The ULCT Board of Directors and staff have worked diligently to align resources accordingly (see attached tables).

Karson Eliers, Legislative Research Analyst presented the Framing & Policy. Director Diehl reminded the Board that Y2 did the survey and that staff didn't ask the questions.

What top priorities came from the survey:

- tax reform
- land use damages
- Water policy (conservation, mandate, legal rights)

Wayne Bradshaw, Director of Policy said that there are twenty water bills in the works right now and that this is a priority for ULCT to monitor with a list of current legislative Issues. (See attached Staff Report). Board Members spoke on concerns with impact fees. Some Municipalities are turning millions of dollars in fees back to contractors because they couldn't use them in time.

City Manager Brent Hill asked if there were any conversations about dispatch. The rumor is that we could be going to a state provider. If this is the case then the vendor's need to be interoperable. Dave Church relied that if one provider updates then who pays the upgrade cost.

Board Member Erin Mendenhall stated that she needed to leave but wanted all to know what a pleasure to have been a member of this association. Our potential together makes us stronger and my city is better for it.

- **Legislative Process and Officer Outreach**

Director Diehl stated that the team is making weekly phone call, working through LPC members and looking for simple engagement, medium level engagement and full engagement with high priority.

He asked if the ULCT should host a debate for the candidates running for Governor. This is something that needs to be thought through.

Mayor Silvestrini said that it would be interesting to know what their position is.

Director Diehl suggested we could do the following:

- Written Questionnaire
- In person interview at Board meeting
- Podcast with ULCT President and Director
- Midyear Conference Forum (the week before the state convention)
- Train our members with Republican and Democratic Leaders (caucus, partisan office)
- giving a grade not an endorsement

David Church stated that he thinks it is dangerous to pick a candidate to support. If we know of someone who would really hurt our association then our association needs to know.

Board Member Pike suggested that we educate the people on the candidates.

Director Diehl said that we would bring this back to the December meeting.

6. FY 2020 Q1 FINANCIAL REPORT (JULY – OCTOBER)

Nick Jarvis presented and stated that Q1+ includes month of October. Chief Operating Officer Jarvis reviews the report

Board Member Jewel Allen motioned to approve FY 2020 Q1 and the report and September and October Check Registers. Board Member Mayor Caldwell seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

Motion passed

7. ULCT STAFFING

Director Diehl announced that the Director of Government Relations, Rachel Otto has accepted another position and the position, is now vacant. He reminded the Board that as Director of the ULCT he doesn't make the recommend to fill this position and the Board is asking for a new Full-time position in house called the Events and Strategic Partnership Coordinator. There was also talk on a Membership and Legislative Engagement Coordinator, but we will not be considering this at this time.

Board Member Mayor Niehaus motioned to approve filling the open position and the new staffing position as presented. Board Member Don Christensen seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

Motion passed

8. **CONFERENCE, ENGAGEMENT, & TRAINING GOALS UPDATE**

Director Diehl summarized the ULCT's mission values and strategic goals. .

9. **ULCT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE**

Operation and Membership Coordinator Bolic stated that the sponsorship program is being revamped and explained a few of the sponsorships. Intern Rusty Facer also spoke on the sponsorships. Director Diehl asked for a committee of volunteers to help review and refine the program and present to the Board at a later date.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

NONE

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Mayor Caldwell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Jewel Allen seconded the motion.

Voting on the motion: All voting aye

The motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 2:35pm